



The Billy & Spanner



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Mike Alford

Well, just when we thought we had seen the end of measure “B” the courts wimped out and it looks like they are going to hold off until after the November elections. This new move will alleviate them of the responsibility of making a decision because the city council has drafted measure “F” to be placed on the ballot. Measure “F” is the “FIX” to measure “B” that has been agreed upon by the unions and the city.

The fly in the ointment however is that two members of a voter group have filed a law suit to block measure “F”, claiming that the language used in the explanation is misleading voters. It only begs one to wonder why these two would do such a thing and what or who is the motivating factor behind their actions? They are members of a taxpayer advocate group that (Guess who) Pete Constant, sits on the board of.

None the less, providing measure “F” meets scrutiny and is on the ballot in November, if you live in the city of San Jose or you have friends living in the city, our membership needs to become vocal. We need to let our neighbors and friends know that there are is a measure on the ballot that directly affect their safety as residents. Measure F must be passed in order to restore public safety and other services to the city. If it is rejected by the voters, the exodus of public safety employees will not only continue but will explode into a full blown crisis.

Switching gears, I was contacted by a company that provides identity theft protection asking if that was something our membership might be interested in hearing about. In light of the ever growing problem with identity theft, I thought that it might benefit the membership to hear his presentation. At our next meeting we will hear from Phillip Shannon of Legal Shield. He will give us an overview of what his company can offer, so if this is of interest to you don't miss our next monthly meeting September 8th.

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CITY COUNCIL DECLARES PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY

On August 30, 2016, the San Jose City Council declared a “public safety” emergency in the City of San Jose. While some of us may say, “no kidding!”, the action is a procedural effort to allow the City to temporarily supersede the San Jose Police Officers’ Association contract as it relates to staffing.

The SJPOA was fully in support of the action and here’s why. The SJPD determined that there must be an absolute minimum of 500 police officers to staff beats in the patrol division. During the last shift bid, only 413 officers were available for shifts, leaving a gap of 87 officers that needed to be filled to meet patrol minimums. That leaves 348 ten-hour shifts per week that must be filled through mandatory overtime. In order to come close to meeting that the Department needed to pull 47 police officers from other assignments such as detective assignments—which requires the City and the SJPOA go through the “meet and confer” process.

All sides recognized this as impossible to accomplish and still keep the city safe. The declaration of a “public safety emergency” allows the City to temporarily get around the meet and confer process. The SJPD is already projecting that between March 2016 and September 2016, it will have required officers to work a MANDATED 14,352 overtime hours. That number would only go higher without this solution.

This action will not fix the department. Rather, it is a very thin band-aide to get through the next several months. The longer term fix, of course, is unraveling the catastrophic impacts that Measure B has had on the city. To that end, the Council, with the support of SJPOA, Local 230 and other city unions put Measure F on the ballot. You can read more about that in this newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Janet Cusimano, Police Officer, effective August 27, 2016; 25.84* years of service.

Stephen A. Kleszyk, Fire Captain, effective July 16, 2016; 25.44* years of service.

Robert Millard, Police Lieutenant, effective August 13, 2016; 27.00* years of service.

William C. Tang, Police Officer, effective July 31, 2016; 25.76* years of service.

Michael J. Willcox, Fire Captain, effective July 30, 2016; 25.50 years of service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Richard F. Palmer

Mark Clough

Kevin Cassidy

Craig Blank

Ramon Avalos

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/7 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ, 408-269-5490
- 9/11 September 11th 15-Year Anniversary Tribute
- 9/14 Burger Pit – Blue 120 Blossom Hill Rd., SJ 408-225-6030
- 9/15 ASSOCIATION MEETING, 11AM TO 1PM**
AT THE SAN JOSE P.O.A. HALL, 1151 N. 4TH ST SAN JOSE
- 9/21 POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, 5PM,**
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- 9/21 Goodies – Wine. 2201 S. Bascom Ave. Campbell 408 369-1236
- 9/28 Bill of Faire Restaurant – Green, 1005 Saratoga Ave at Williams, 408-446-4050
- 10/5 Hick'ry Pit – Gray 980 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell 408 371-2400
- 10/12 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ, 408-269-5490
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- 10/19 POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, 5PM,**
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- 10/26 Goodies – Wine. 2201 S. Bascom Ave. Campbell 408 369-1236

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